

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-05-6
APPROVAL OF A FIRM ENERGY SALES	)	
AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY	)	
BETWEEN IDAHO POWER COMPANY	)	NOTICE OF
AND THOUSAND SPRINGS WIND PARK,	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
LLC.	)	
	)	NOTICE OF
	)	COMMENT/PROTEST
	)	DEADLINE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 24, 2005, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of a Firm Energy Sales Agreement (Agreement) between Idaho Power and Thousand Springs Wind Park, LLC (Thousand Springs) dated February 18, 2005. Under the Agreement, Thousand Springs will sell and Idaho Power will purchase electric energy generated by the Thousand Springs Project located near Hagerman, Idaho in an area more particularly described as Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, Township 7 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho and Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Project consists of seven (7) 1.5 MW GE wind turbines. The nameplate rating of the project is 10.5 MW. Under normal and/or average conditions the project will not exceed 10 aMW on a monthly basis. If energy in excess of this amount (Inadvertent Energy) is accidentally generated, Idaho Power will accept Inadvertent Energy that does not exceed the 10.5 MW maximum capacity amount but will not purchase or pay for it. Agreement ¶ 7.3.2.

The Thousands Springs Project will be a qualified small power production facility (QF) under the applicable provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). Thousand Springs has selected December 31, 2005 as the scheduled operation date and January 15, 2006 as the first energy date.

As represented by Idaho Power, the Agreement with Thousand Springs comports with the terms and conditions of Commission Order No. 29632 (*U.S. Geothermal et. al v. Idaho*

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Power) and avoided cost Order No. 29646. The contract is for a 20-year term and contains the published non-levelized avoided cost rates set forth in Order No. 29646.

As reflected in Section 24 of the Agreement, the Agreement will not become effective until the Commission has approved all the Agreement's terms and conditions and declares that all payments that Idaho Power makes to Thousand Springs for purchases of energy will be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. The proposed effective date of the Agreement is February 18, 2005.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-05-6. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to Idaho Power's Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-05-6 is **Tuesday, April 5, 2005**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the written positions before it. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-05-6 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below.

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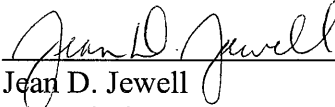
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All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to PacifiCorp at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may the set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. IPC-E-05-6 may be viewed at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the general business office of Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005.

  
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